

**SENATE CONCURRENT
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DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

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1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION honoring Dr. Jo Ann Gora
2 upon her retirement as President of Ball State University.

3 *Whereas, Dr. Jo Ann Gora has served as President of*
4 *Ball State University since 2004;*

5 *Whereas, President Gora is the fourteenth president of*
6 *the university, and the first woman to serve as president of a*
7 *public university in Indiana;*

8 *Whereas, President Gora quickly demonstrated her*
9 *commitment to putting students first by declining an*
10 *inauguration and instead establishing a scholarship fund for*
11 *25 high-achieving students;*

12 *Whereas, President Gora led the development of Ball*
13 *State University's "Education Redefined" strategic plan*
14 *during its' implementation from 2007 to 2012;*

15 *Whereas, Education Redefined's cornerstone was making*
16 *immersive learning opportunities available allowing students*
17 *to impact citizens from every Indiana county, leading to more*
18 *than 20,800 students completing over 1,250 projects in the*
19 *last six years while being mentored by faculty across every*
20 *university academic department;*

21 *Whereas, During President Gora's tenure, Ball State saw*



1 *more than \$520 million worth of campus renovations and*
2 *facilities construction, including new dormitories, updates to*
3 *Scheumann Stadium, upgrades to dining halls, and the*
4 *opening of the David Letterman Communication and Media*
5 *Building;*

6 *Whereas, President Gora commissioned the Geothermal*
7 *Conversion Project, the nation's largest ground-source,*
8 *closed-loop district geothermal system, which has created an*
9 *estimated 2,300 jobs and cut Ball State's carbon footprint in*
10 *half;*

11 *Whereas, Under the leadership of President Gora, fifty-*
12 *four Ball State academic programs have earned national*
13 *recognition;*

14 *Whereas, President Gora's steadfast commitment to*
15 *improving Ball State and the local community has earned her*
16 *many awards, including the Torchbearer, the highest honor*
17 *from the Indiana Commission on Women;*

18 *Whereas, President Gora was named one of the nineteen*
19 *most influential women in Indiana by the Indianapolis*
20 *Business Journal;*

21 *Whereas, Other notable awards include the Vivian*
22 *Conley Award for dedication to community contributions,*
23 *the Walter S. Blackburn Award for her work promoting the*
24 *Ball State University College of Architecture and Planning*
25 *Indianapolis Center, and the Mira Trailblazer Award from*
26 *TechPoint for significant and lasting contributions to*
27 *technology innovation in Indiana;*

28 *Whereas, President Gora has also written two books, was*
29 *a charter member of the The New York Times/Chronicle of*
30 *Higher Education cabinet, and served on numerous Boards*
31 *and Councils, including the American Council on*
32 *Education's Board of Directors, the Mid-American*
33 *Conference President's Council, the Governing Boards'*



1 *Council of Presidents, First Merchants Bank, Ball Memorial*
2 *Hospital, the Indiana Chamber of Commerce, and was the*
3 *immediate past chair of the Central Indiana Corporate*
4 *Partnership;*

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6 *Whereas, President Gora has made outstanding*
7 *advancements in the academic and social foundations of Ball*
8 *State University, and her departure will be greatly missed by*
9 *students, faculty, and the local community alike: Therefore,*

10 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly*
11 *of the State of Indiana, the House of Representatives concurring:*
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13 SECTION 1. The Indiana General Assembly praises the exceptional
14 work exhibited by Dr. Jo Ann Gora and congratulates her upon her
15 retirement.

16 SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to
17 transmit a copy of the resolution to Dr. Jo Ann Gora.

